

"Charting the Landscape/Mapping New Paths": Project Descriptions

- 1. Project Name: Science Center School**
- 2. Goal: neighborhood elementary school that serves as a model for integrating science throughout the K-5 curriculum, advocates "museum style" and inquiry based learning and serves as a center for teacher professional development**
- 3. Participating institutions/agencies: California Science Center; Los Angeles Unified School District**
- 4. Your role/expertise in this type project: Science Center brings expertise in science content, inquiry based and museum style learning**
- 5. Outcomes / successes to-date: School opens September 9, 2004**
- 6. Lessons learned : Partnership with large urban school district is difficult and requires tenacity, strong allies within and outside school district and time**
- 7. If we began anew we would ask these questions at the beginning: Are we willing to commit significant time and resources to making the partnership work - is the value of the partnership worth the effort**
- 8. Critical success factors: student performance and successful teacher professional development programs leading to impact on other schools**

9. Our next steps will be: continue to evaluate and refine curriculum, develop teacher science resources, grow teacher professional development programs and integrate with all science center programs for teachers, community groups, parents and the general public
10. What else?